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Electronic Procurement & Payment Solutions

P2PSolutions and U.S. Communities Join Forces to Maximize Purchasing Power for Public Agencies

Indianapolis, IN – April 17, 2009 – P2PSolutions, an emerging leader in **Lean/Green** e-procurement services, including purchasing, inventory management, storeroom management and work order management, announced today that they have entered into a strategic marketing partnership with U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance™ (“U.S. Communities™”) a nationwide purchasing cooperative designed to be a procurement resource for local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education and nonprofits offering a broad line of competitively solicited contracts which provide quality products, services and solutions. Working together P2PSolutions and U.S. Communities will provide the tools needed for public agencies to reduce costs and streamline their procurement process all while eliminating their dependence on paper.

P2PSolutions will offer their robust, easy to use e-procurement and inventory management web based platform to U.S. Communities participants utilizing the competitively solicited contracts with world class suppliers such as AutoZone, Fisher Science Education, Graybar, Haworth, HD Supply, Herman Miller, Office Depot, Ricoh Americas, Sportime, Virco and Zep Manufacturing. Providing public agencies with tools that are easy to use coupled with the purchasing power of U.S. Communities will help them to reduce not only their costs by automating the approval and budgetary process, but also reduce their spend.

This seamless sourcing and e-procurement will enable agencies to:

- Accelerate the deployment of **Lean/Green** disciplines
- Eliminate high-waste manual buyer-supplier transaction processes
- Proactively manage supplier contracts
- Automate the purchasing approval and budget process
- Automate the payment process without using P cards

“Becoming a partner with U S Communities is very exciting for all of us at P2P Solutions. Over the last eight years we have developed a “Best in Class” paperless e-procurement and payment front end solution” said Scott Weaver, president & CEO. “By combining our web based procurement platform with U S Communities national contracts, we are able to generate significant cost savings and back office efficiencies by eliminating paper documents and workflow

associated with it. Our platform is the most eco friendly **lean/green** solution in the marketplace today.”

“In today’s challenging economic environment, state and local agencies, academic institutions and nonprofit organizations are under unprecedented pressure to stretch the value of their financial resources” said Chris Mellis, program manager for U.S. Communities. “The partnership with P2P will enable U.S. Communities’ participants to realize the savings that stem from our competitively solicited contracts while using P2P’s Solutions user-friendly online shopping environment. With P2P’s technology, it will now be easier to take advantage of U.S. Communities contracts.”

About P2PSolutions

Since 1996, P2PSolutions has provided expertise in all areas of supply chain management and support services, including procurement, payment processing, and inventory management. The core of the business is the e-commerce technology that allows customers to automate the entire procurement process without the cost of expensive hardware or the need to maintain their own IT department.

P2PSolutions is a company that provides a menu of services across the “procurement to payables” process all focused to drive down the cost of doing business while providing the access to value-added technical and customer service support. The company works to establish and maximize the benefits of buyer and supplier relationships. Unlike companies offering only services or software, P2PSolutions provides a complete solution and expertise that enables our clients to achieve immediate and sustainable results.

About U.S. Communities™ Government Purchasing Alliance

U.S. Communities™ Government Purchasing Alliance is a nonprofit instrumentality of Government that assists local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits in reducing the cost of purchased goods and services through pooling the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. This is accomplished through competitively solicited contracts for quality products and services through lead public agencies.

Today more than 36,000 public agencies utilize U.S. Communities™ contracts and suppliers to procure more that 1.4 billion dollars in products and services annually. Each month more than 400 new public agencies register to participate. The continuing rapid growth of public agency participation is fueled by the program's proven track record of providing public agencies unparalleled value.